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A 10-year-old Luke
What those eyes reflect is...

!!
A DIRTY KID LIKE THIS, HOW COULD YOU BE FROM THE DUKE'S MANOR?!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO HELP KIDS WHO'VE RUN AWAY FROM HOME...
KIDS THESE DAYS SURE ARE TROUBLESOME
HOW SHREWD THEY CAN BE

GET HIM!!
GUH!!
BOCCHAN = YOUNG MASTER
HEY, HEY. DON'T BE SO HARSH, OKAY?
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THE DUKE'S PRECIOUS BOCCHAN"?
OH YEAH! WE CAN'T DO THAT THEN, CAN'T WE?
BOCCHAN... YOU SAID YOU WERE MASTER LUKE, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW ABOUT NEXT TIME, YOU TAKE YOUR GREAT MOM AND DAD WITH YOU SO YOU WON'T GET HURT, OKAY?
HAHAHA
WAHAHA

I HAVE TO GET BACK...
EVERYONE AT THE MANOR IS WAITING FOR ME...

IS IT REALLY OKAY? TO LET THAT KID DO AS HE PLEASES...

RIGHT, COMMANDANT?

TO BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE UNDERGROUND OF THE CATHEDRAL AT HIS AGE IS ALREADY QUITE IMPRESSIVE.
HE PROBABLY THINKS HE CAN RUN OUT BY HIMSELF WITHOUT US KNOWING IT, DOESN'T HE?
HA! THOSE LOW RANKING SOLDIER ARE USELESS, THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

.....

VAN-SENSEI!! PLEASE TEACH ME TODAY TOO!!
OKAY

ONE DAY, YOU WILL BECOME THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY.
LUKE
IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO LEAD THE PEOPLE YOU MUST STUDY HARD AND WELL.
IF YOU CAN'T BE AN OUTSTANDING KING IT'LL BE A LOT OF TROUBLE, LUKE.
WE ARE TO MARRY WHEN WE GROW UP, OKAY?
EVEN...
EVEN YOU DON'T SAY IT, I UNDERSTAND ALREADY!
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IF IT'S LUKE, HE WILL SURELY BECOME A GREAT KING
I CAN ASSURE YOU ON THAT.
...
VAN-SENSEI...

VAN-SENSEI IS BOTH VERY STRICT AND VERY KIND. A GREAT TEACHER
VAN-SENSEI TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS
FOR EXAMPLE, SWORDSMANSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE
BECAUSE OF FATHER'S ORDER, I HARDLY LEAVE THE MANOR. HE TOLD A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAPPENED OUTSIDE FOR ME.
YEAH, RIGHT THERE
LET'S QUICKLY LOAD THE CARGO!! THE SHIP'S GONNA SET SAIL SOON!!

LUKE . THERE ARE MANY MORE THINGS YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS WORLD.

NOT REALLY, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALREADY TRYING HARD.
I ALREADY KNOW THAT! YOU ALREADY TOLD ME THAT MY PRACTICE ISN'T ENOUGH YET TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

EH?

BECAUSE YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE
BUT YOU CAN STILL GROW A LOT MORE...

"THE ONE WHO WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME THE KING OF KIMLASCA"

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT HE MEANT BACK THEN

BUT A LITTLE WHILE AFTER THAT, I CAME TO KNOW THAT THAT WAS NOT WHAT HE MEANT...

VAN-SENSEI!! WHY!?
WHERE IS THIS PLACE!? LET ME GO!
SOME EXPERIMENTS I NEVER KNEW OF WERE DONE REPEATEDLY IN A PLACE I DON'T KNOW ABOUT, NOT EVEN KNOWING DAY OR NIGHT
MY LIFE WAS CAGED IN A NARROW UNDERGROUND PRISON THAT I NEVER EVEN IMAGINED OF UP TILL THEN
I EVEN THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE LIKE THAT ENDLESSLY.

HELP ME...
...SENSEI...
I HAVE TO RETURN
I HAVE TO RETURN
I HAVE TO RETURN
UP UNTIL NOW... IN ORDER TO BECOME THE KING OF KIMLASCA
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SENSEI...
LLIKE... I'M SORRY... I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND
EVERYONE AT THE MANOR IS WORRYING ABOUT ME.
I... TRIED MY BEST...
FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. YOUR POWER IS NEEDED

I CAN'T LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!!
...HA
HA...
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THIS DAMN KID JUST BOARDED OUR SHIP BY HIMSELF!!
OUCH!!
AH!! YOU WAIT THERE YOU DAMN KID! DAMN YOU!!
I'LL SEND YOU TO THE CAPTAIN RIGHT NOW,
YOU'RE GOING TO GET US INTO TROUBLE FOR LETTING A KID CROSS THE BORDER
LET HIM DEAL WITH YOU-

JUST A LITTLE MORE...
I HAVE TO GET THROUGH THIS MARSH. .TO BATICUL...
I HAVE TO GO BACK I HAVE TO GO BACK
BACK TO THE MANOR IN BATICUL
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR ME IN THAT MANOR.

JUST GIVE UP
WE'VE ALREADY CREATED A REPLACEMENT FOR YOU.
THERE'S NO POINT IN GOING BACK TO THE MANOR
A LIE...
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOU.
WE NO LONGER NEED YOU
IT'S A LIE!
IT HAS TO BE A LIE!! IF NOT THEN...!!
NO LONGER NEED...
TO THEM, YOU ARE NO LONGER OF ANY USE

LUKE
WHEN WE GROW UP, WE WILL MARRY EACH OTHER
WE'LL BECOME THE KING AND THE QUEEN!
LET'S MAKE THIS COUNTRY A GREAT PLACE TOGETHER
IF IT IS US, WE CAN DO IT FOR SURE
RIGHT, LUKE?!

GRRRR
RIGHT...I WILL BECOME THE KING OF KIMLASCA.
I AM A PERSON WHO IS IMPORTANT TO KIMLASCA
KRRRRRRR
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR ME.
FATHER, MOTHER, GUY, NATALIA, EVERYONE, EVERYONE, EVERYONE.. THAT'S WHY.

I MUST GO BAAAAAAAK!

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GGGH

GO BACK
GO BACK!!
HA
HA
HA
I WILL DEFINITELY GO BACK
BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS WAITING
HA
俺の居場所へ!!!
BACK TO THE PLACE THAT IS TRULY MY HOME!!!

Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha

EVERYTHING WILL RETURN TO NORMAL
Ha
IF I CAN GET BACK TO THE MANOR IN BATICUL,
Ha
Ha
I'M FINALLY BACK
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE
EVERYTHING WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL!!
RIGHT BACK TO NORMAL

LUKE-SAMA!!
LUKE-SAMA! I TOLD YOU THAT RUNNING FAST LIKE THAT IS DANGEROUS
AH!

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AH, LUKE-SAMA PLEASE DON'T CRY
ARE YOU INJURED!?
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THE PAIN WILL GO AWAY! PLEASE, LUKE-SAMA
WHAT A TROUBLE LUKE IS NOW
YES—TO LOSE ALL OF HIS MEMORIES UP UNTIL NOW
UA!
WHAT A PAIN—WHAT I TAUGHT HIM ABOUT BEING A KING, THE SWORD TRAINING, GONE
EVEN HOW TO SPEAK, HE FORGOT EVERYTHING
WAA!
YOUR BODY IS COLD, LUKE-SAMA

THIS IS QUITE A PROBLEM—HIS BODY IS THIS BIG ALREADY. HE IS NOT A BABY, ISN'T HE?
AH?
AH!!
AAH?
ISN'T THIS GOOD ENOUGH ALREADY?
LUKE DID RETURN SAFELY AFTER ALL.

HEY, LUKE!
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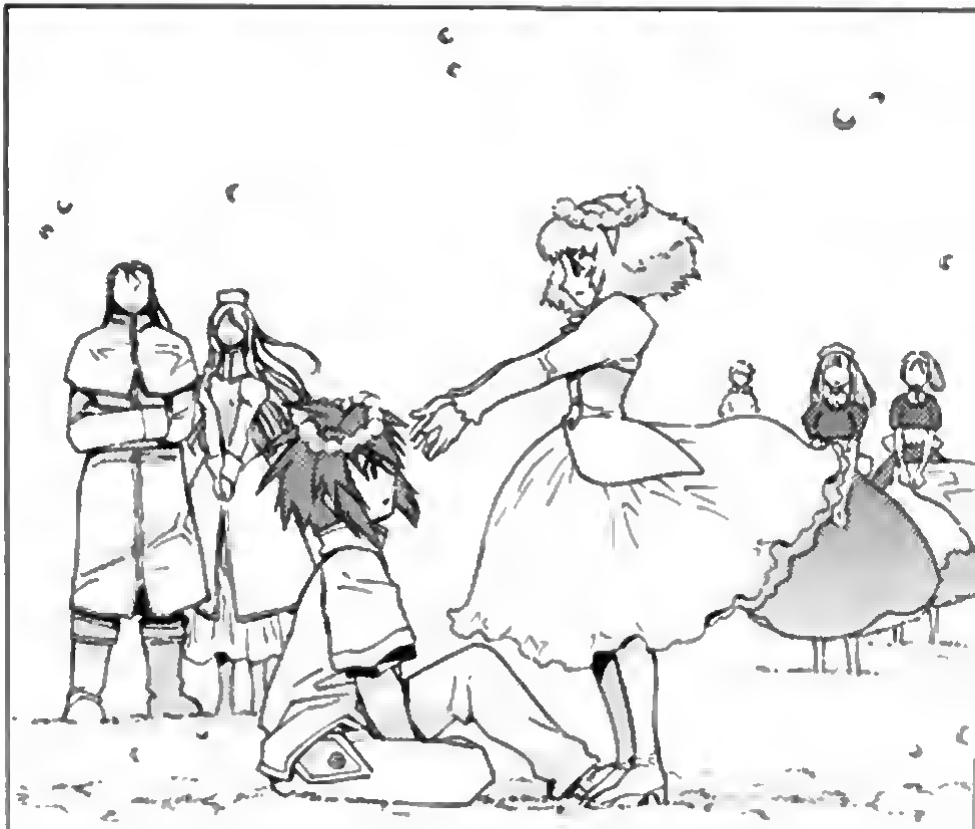
NATALIA...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, YOU KNOW?
...HERE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE PLACE LIKE THIS!?



EVEN IF IT ISN'T ME
IT'S FINE

THEIR SELFISHNESS...THEIR STUPIDITY...
NOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH RIGHT LUKE?
EVEN WHEN SOMEONE JUST GOES IN AND REPLACES YOU, THEY DON'T EVEN QUESTION IT...
BUT THEY'RE ALL LIES.
THEY JUST SAY THAT YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT PERSON TO THIS COUNTRY

I AM DIFFERENT
TO ME, YOU AND ONLY YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PERSON.
IF YOU ARE NOT WITH ME, I WOULD LOSE ALL MY MEANING.
I WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH YOU.
CAN YOU COME WITH ME ONCE AGAIN, THEN?
LUKE
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR LEAVING YOU WITH SUCH HORRIBLE MEMORIES.

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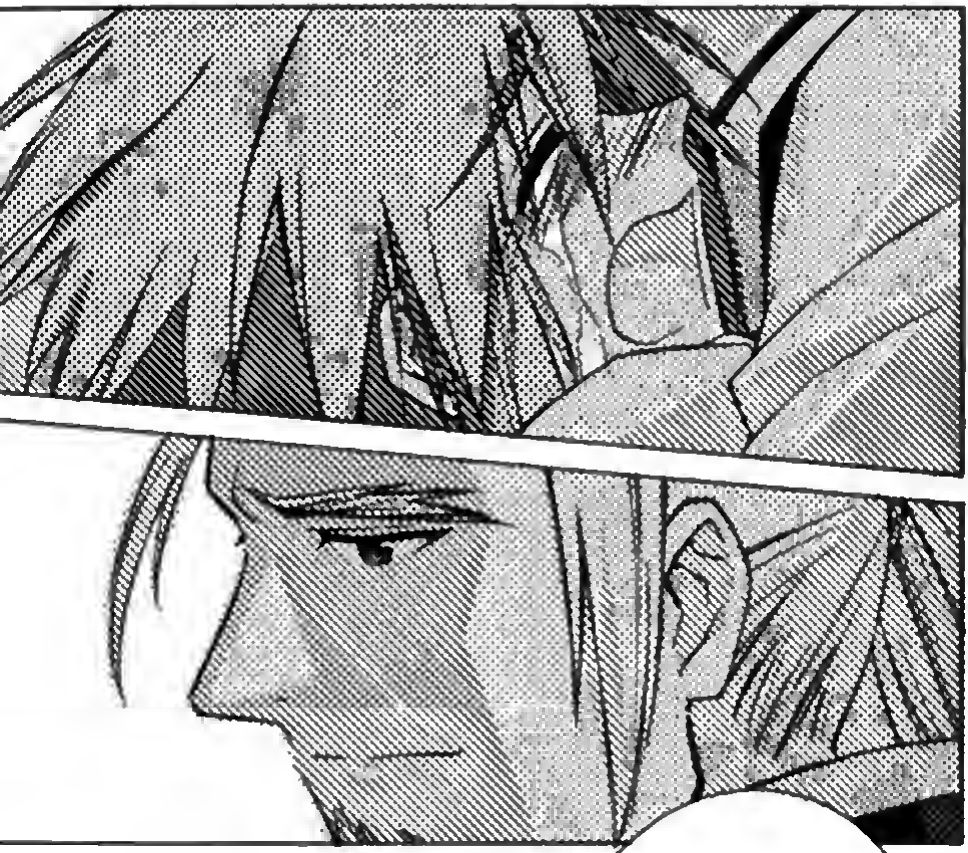

ARE NO LONGER
LUIKE FON FABRE.

I WILL GIVE YOU A
NEW NAME

"ASCH"
FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE "ASCH THE BLOODY".

MY NEW NAME
ASCH
LET'S GO.
YEAH
IF VAN-SENSEI IS BESIDE ME, I HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF
I WILL LIVE ON.
YES SIR!!
MY NEW PLACE

I WILL LIVE MY LIFE AS A NEW PERSON
- AFTER THAT, THE STORY MOVES ON. WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE IN THE NEXT ISSUE -
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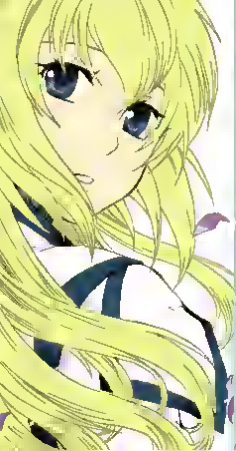

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